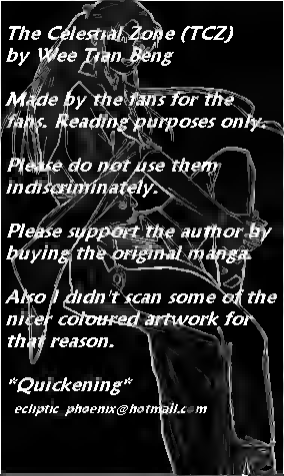
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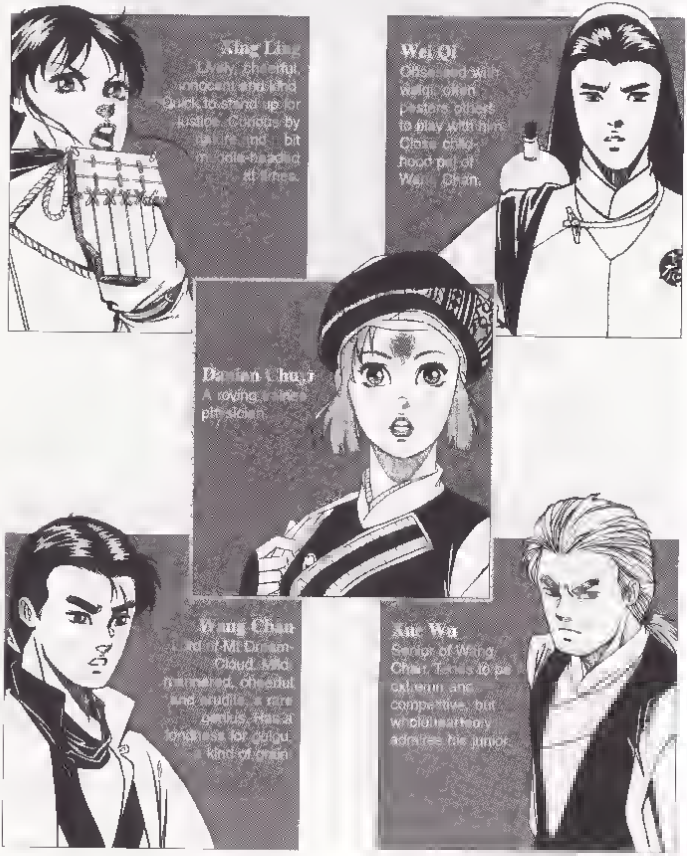
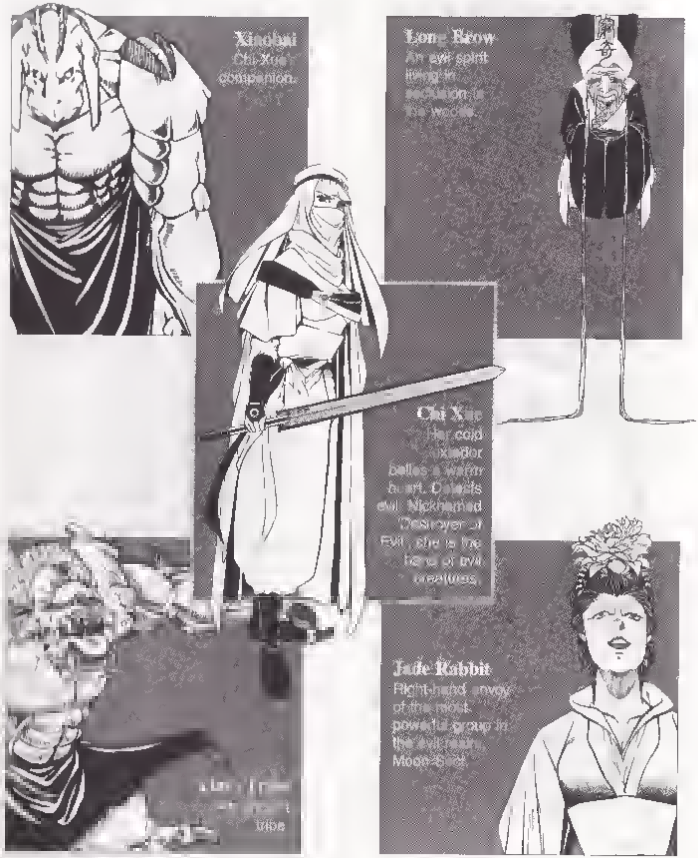
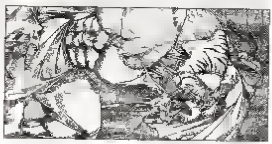

Xing Ling
Lively, cheerful, innocent and kind. Quick to stand up for justice. Curious by nature, and... bit accident-prone at times.
Wei Qi
Obsessed with watching other posters, prefers others to play with him. Close childhood pal of Wang Chan.
Damian Chu
A loving, tender pity-slave.
Wang Chan
Lord of Mt Damian-Cloud. Mild mannered, cheerful and erudite, a rare genius. Has a weakness for Gongu, a kind of onion.
Xue Wu
Senior of Wang Chan. Tends to be calculating and competitive, but wholeheartedly admires his junior.


Xinobai
Chi Xue's companion.
Lone Brow
An evil spirit living in seclusion in the woods.
Chi Xue
Her cold exterior belies a warm heart. Called evil. Nicknamed Destroyer of Evil, she is the bane of evil creatures.
Jade Rabbit
Right-hand envoy of the most powerful group in the underrealm, Moon Base.

Chapter Nine
The Savage Yimus *5*



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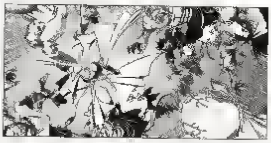

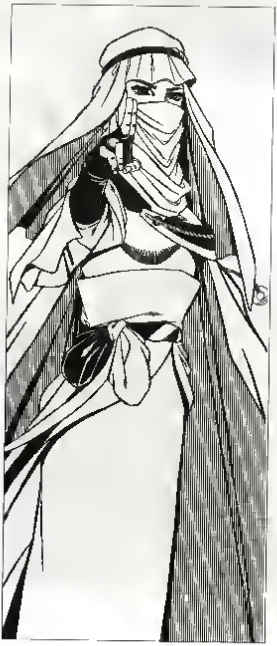

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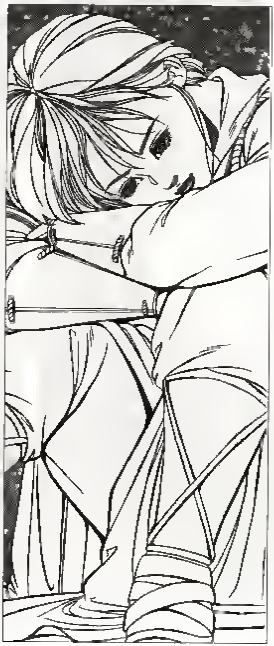

Recapturing...

Xing Ling and her new friends from the Celestial Zone found themselves battling against ghosts and demons for a special antidote to save a village, only to realise that the antidote never existed! Fortunately, the villagers were saved by an anonymous person with exceptional medical skills.

The trio was next joined by Wei Qi, a lad from the celestial realm endowed with superior skills in chess. As the foursome proceeded to Mt E-mei, they dropped by a hospitable and welcoming village which the young and erudite Wang Chan had saved time and again.

There, disaster struck again with the suspected emergence of an extinct savage tribe known as the Yimus!!

Quickening

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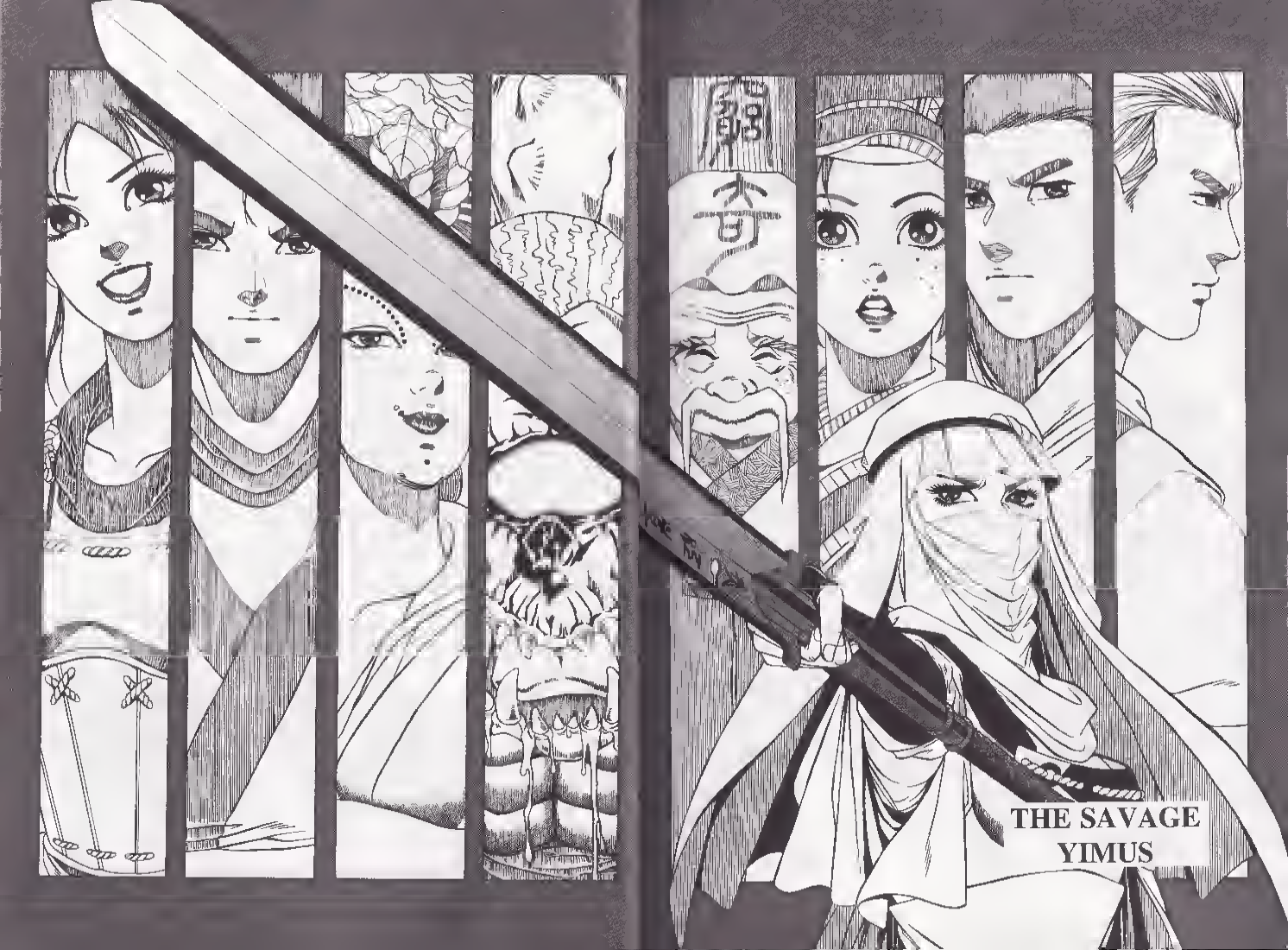
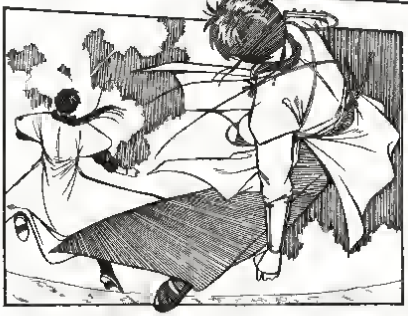
GHA
SHA


THE SAVAGE
YIMUS

WHIRLWIND
SPRING!

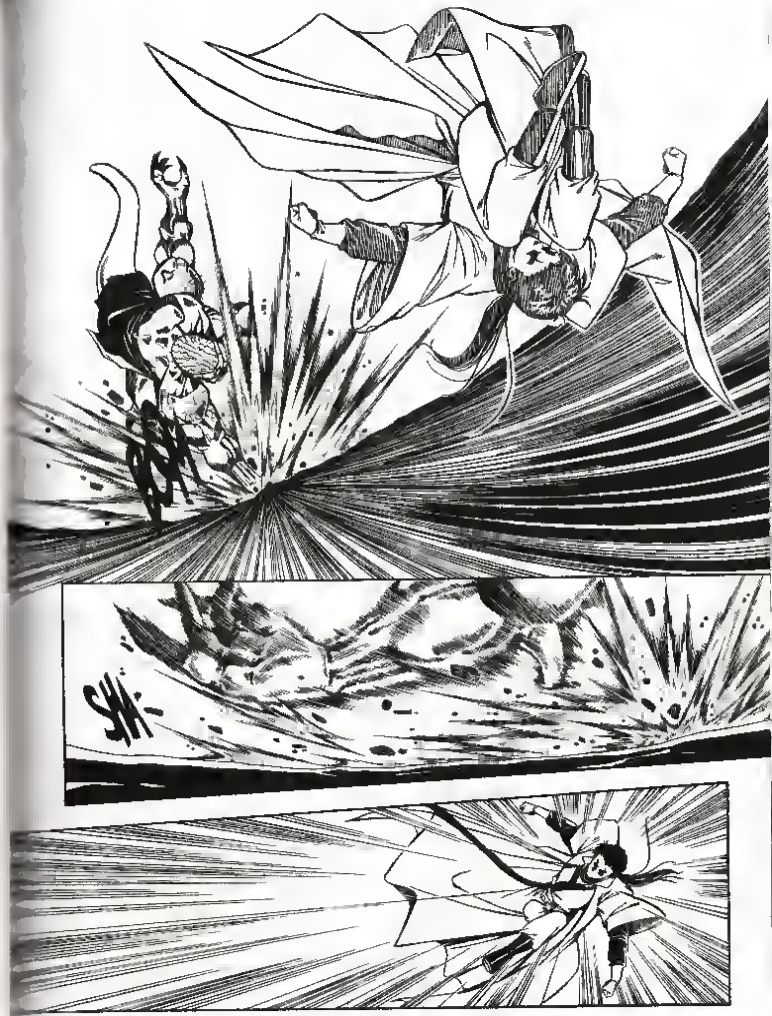
Move away!



SH

Argh what a coward! My legs are like jelly!

Flop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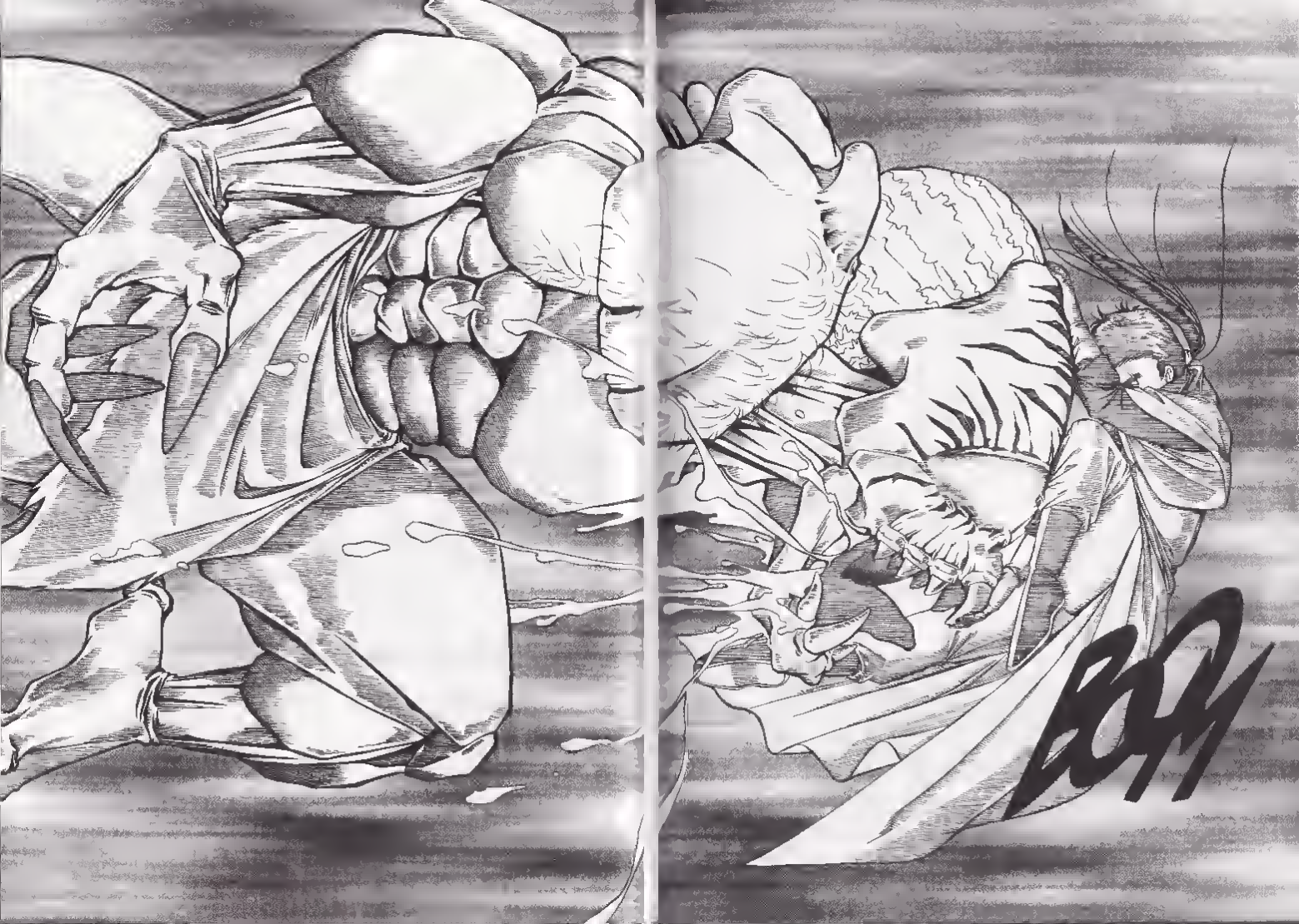
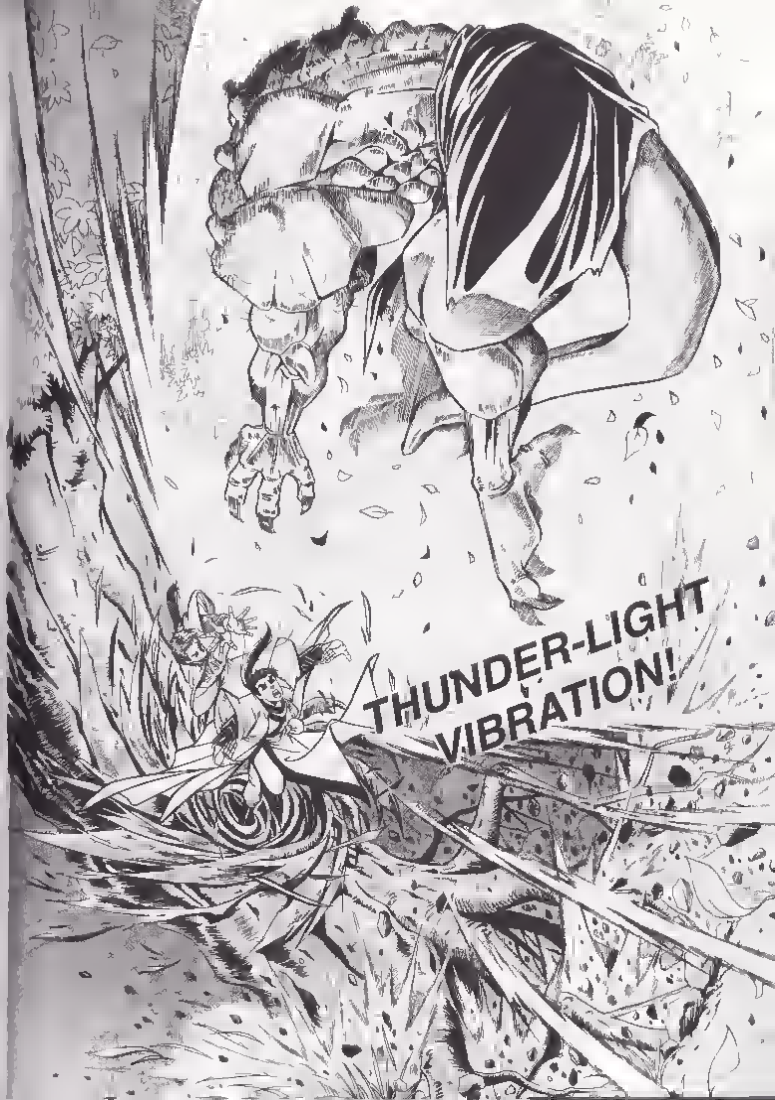
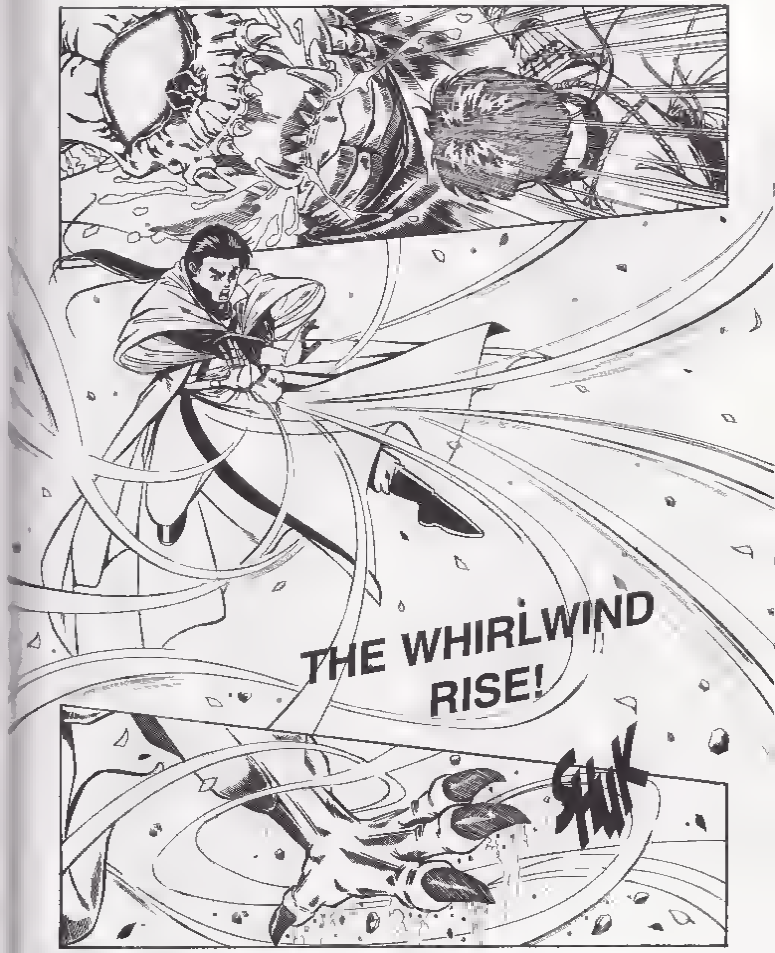

BOOM

FLOOP
KRAK-KAK


THUNDER-LIGHT
VIBRATION!

PAM!
SH

BRR
BAP
AAAA!
BOM


THE WHIRLWIND RISE!
SHUK

CRACK
WOW

BOOM
THUNDERCLAP VIBRATION!

THUNDER-LIGHT VIBRATION!
BOOM

BAM

BOOM
BOOM

THE WHIRLWIND TWIST!
BOO

BOM
SHUK

Can't see a thing. Where is every one?
Chan, are you all right?
Watch it!
BOOM

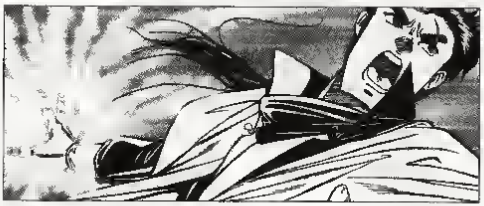
SHA
Phew! It's you!
Wow! What a Thunder Light Vibration!
Qi! how did you find your way here?
Ha! How could I not hear the big din you were making?
Chan, why are you in such a fluster?
I heard sounds of a fight. What happened?

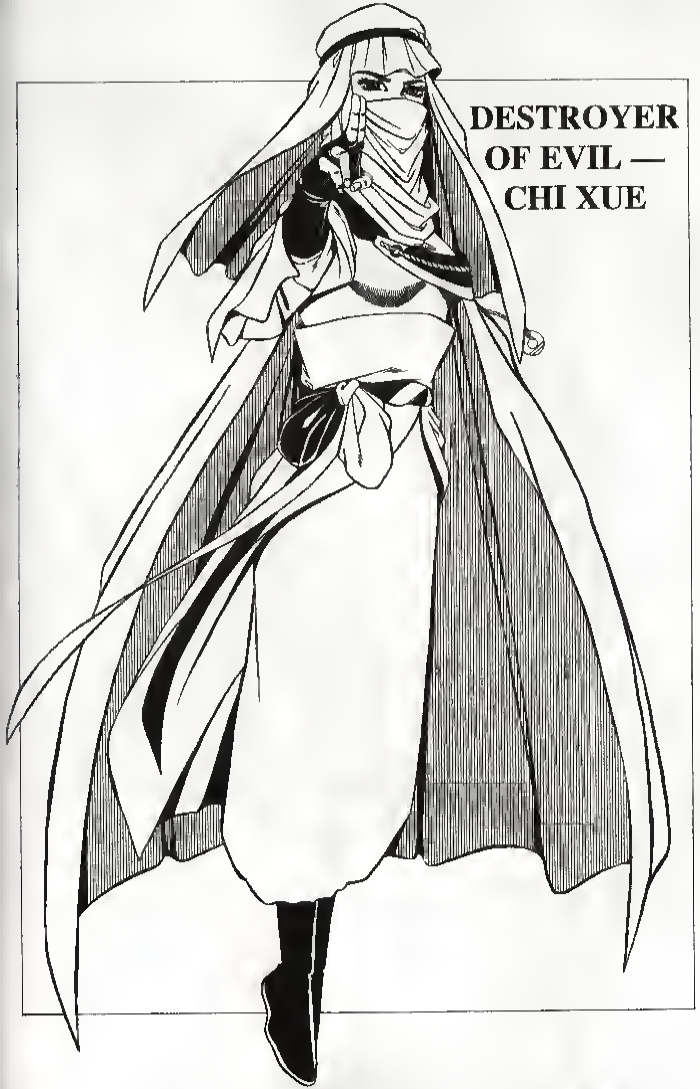
We were attacked by the Yimus!
Huh! Do they still exist?! What is their strength like?
They are strong and swift What's most surprising is that...
they're sturdy enough to withstand my Thunder-Light Vibration
Looks like they're worse than the demons!
Strange! Where do these strange creatures come from?
And that weird woman with a big flower on her hair She took the children away
A women with a flower on her hair?
She's no ordinary woman If I'm not wrong she's the Moon Sect's right envoy — Jade Rabbit!

Moon Sect? Jade Rabbit? What are they?
The Moon Sect wields the most power in the evil realm
Besides numerous ghosts and demons, it also has three most formidable envoys
They're all great masters of evil doing the bidding of the evil supreme — Moon Monarch!
Moon Monarch Hey we're finally meeting the central power of the evil realm!
What shall we do? The children

Knowing the strength of our enemy we have to be extremely careful.
Chan and Qi shall form one team, while Xing Ling and I another.
Fine. Our major task is to rescue the children and ensure their safety.
Let's keep one another informed before we take action.
Agreed. Stay alert.
Let's set off!

Quickening

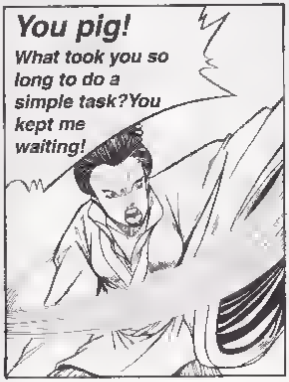



DESTROYER
OF EVIL —
CHI XUE

Hey... that kid is really somebody! Fancy him chasing our Yimu tribe away!
If I hadn't come to capture the children's souls to aid my mastery of the Mind-Manipulation ...
I would have smashed them to pieces instead of beating a retreat!
Chirp
Chirp

Damn! What s keeping them?

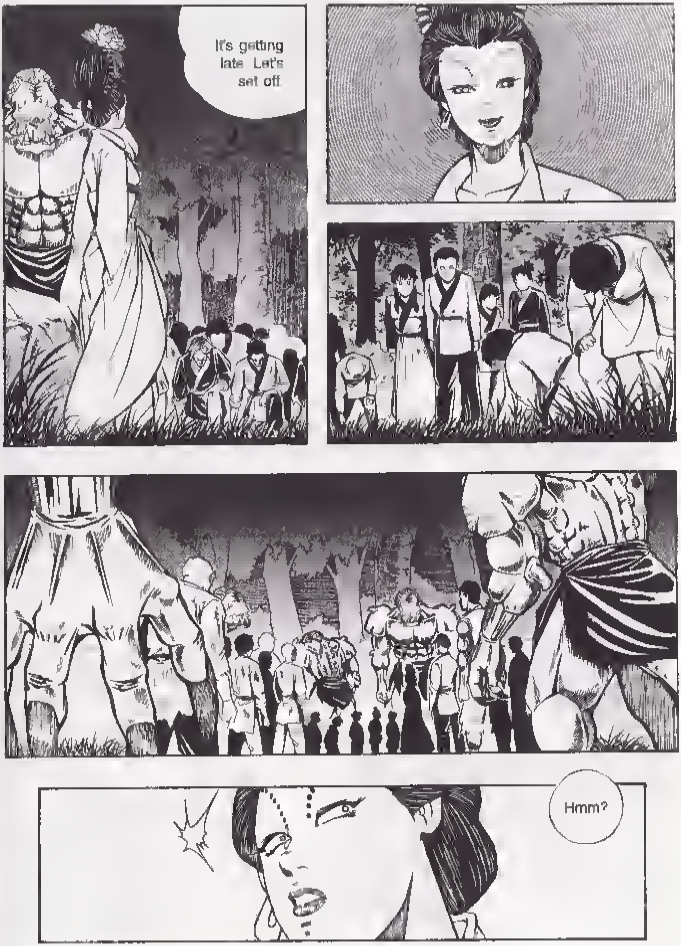
Ma am all is set for your journey


You pig!
What took you so long to do a simple task?You kept me waiting!

I deserve death I m sorry It's because

What is the reason? Say it straight! With me around have no fear!

Yes Ma'am
It's because many of our men have been killed by the Destroyer of Evil
That's why we're taking extra precautions
Cut it out! The Destroyer of Evil? — Chi Xue?
Hey I sure hope to meet her and see how formidable she can be!
Yes It is she — Chi Xue


It's getting late. Let's set off.
Hmm?

SHA
Argh
Huh?
Grrr!

SHH
SMK

SHK
SHK
SHUK

Quick note In case you re wonde ng they re refe ng to the sudden and ma ve d scolourat on of the surround ng gras and tree

Argh!
I'm a goner!
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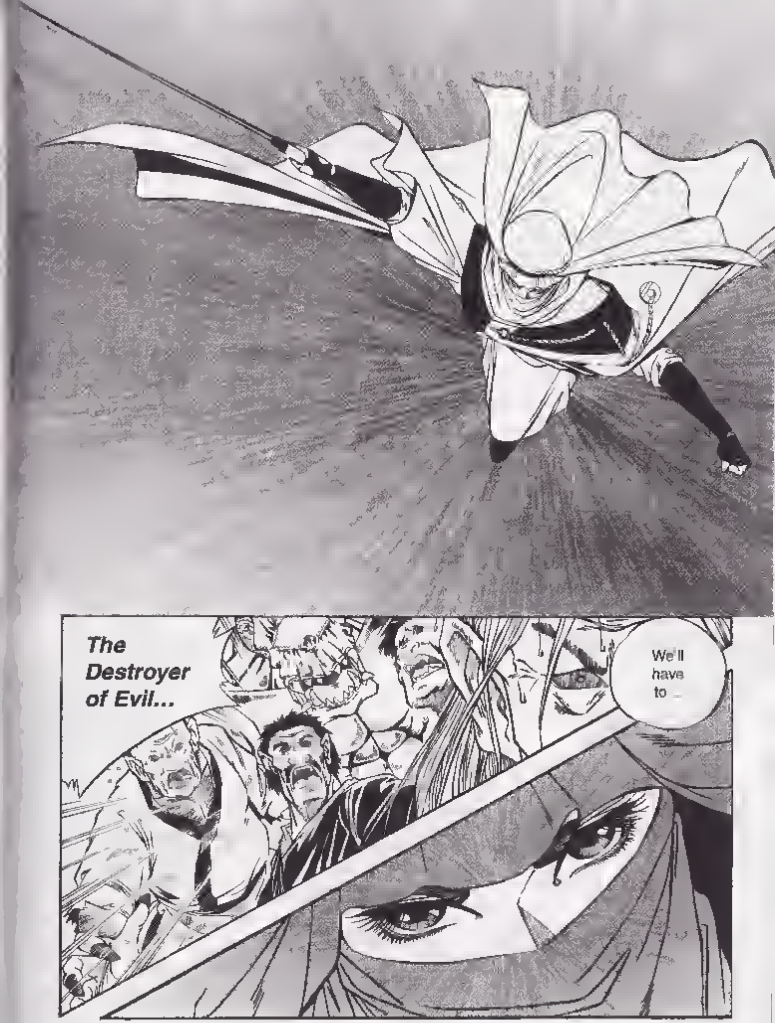
赤紅蚤
Blood Red
A blood red sword
Blood red
The – Destroyer of Evil – Chi Xue!
Grrrl

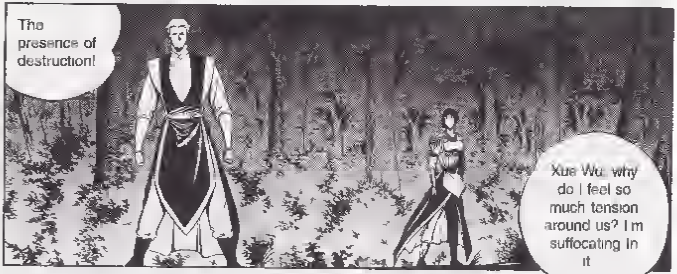

The Destroyer of Evil...
We'll have to

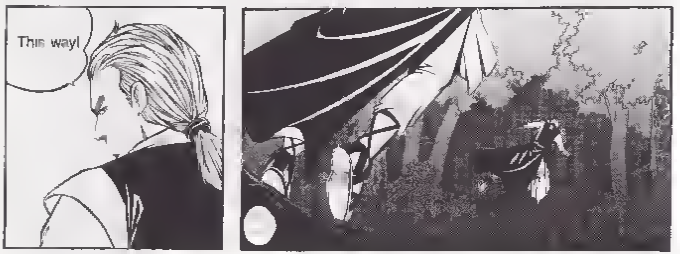
... fight her to the last!

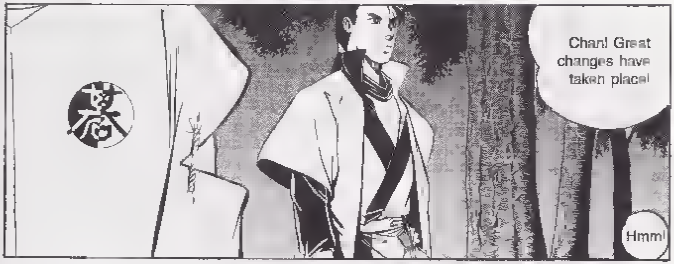
HOWL
HOWL

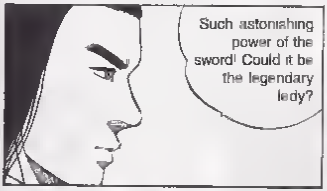
AAAA!
FLOP

How come... I feel a... stifling pressure?
I'm in a cold sweat... I feel terrible!


The presence of destruction!
Xue Wu: why do I feel so much tension around us? I'm suffocating in it

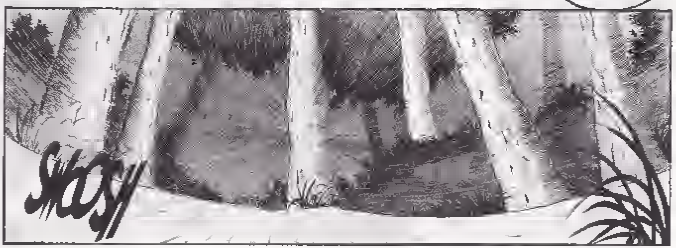

This way!


Chan! Great changes have taken place!
Hmm!


Such astonishing power of the sword! Could it be the legendary lady?

Right!

Ah, we'll finally have a glimpse of the Destroyer of Evil!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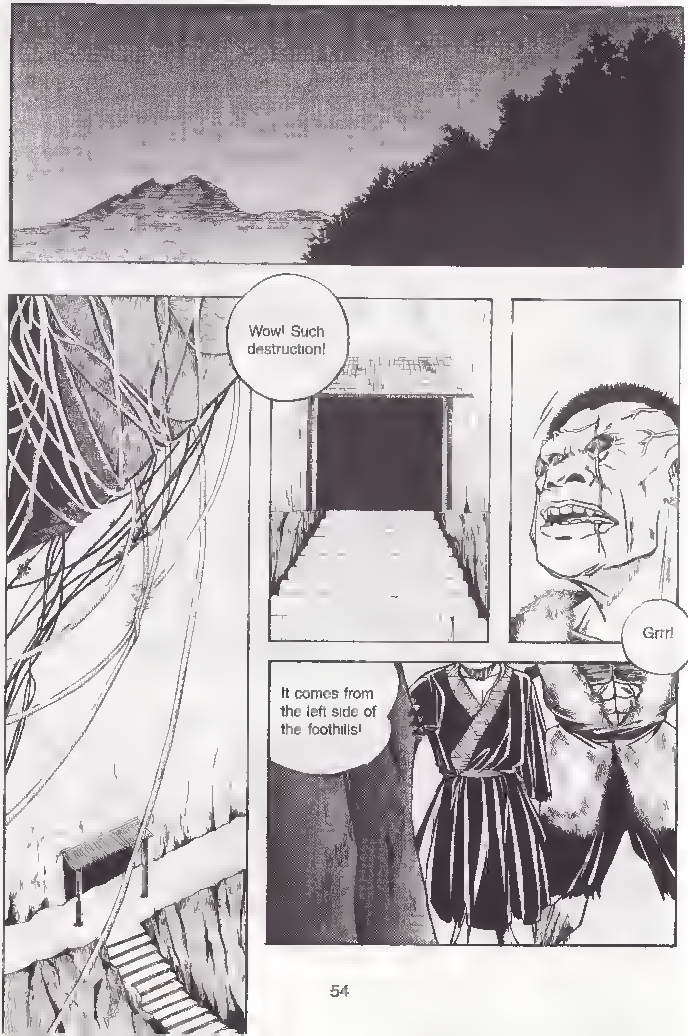
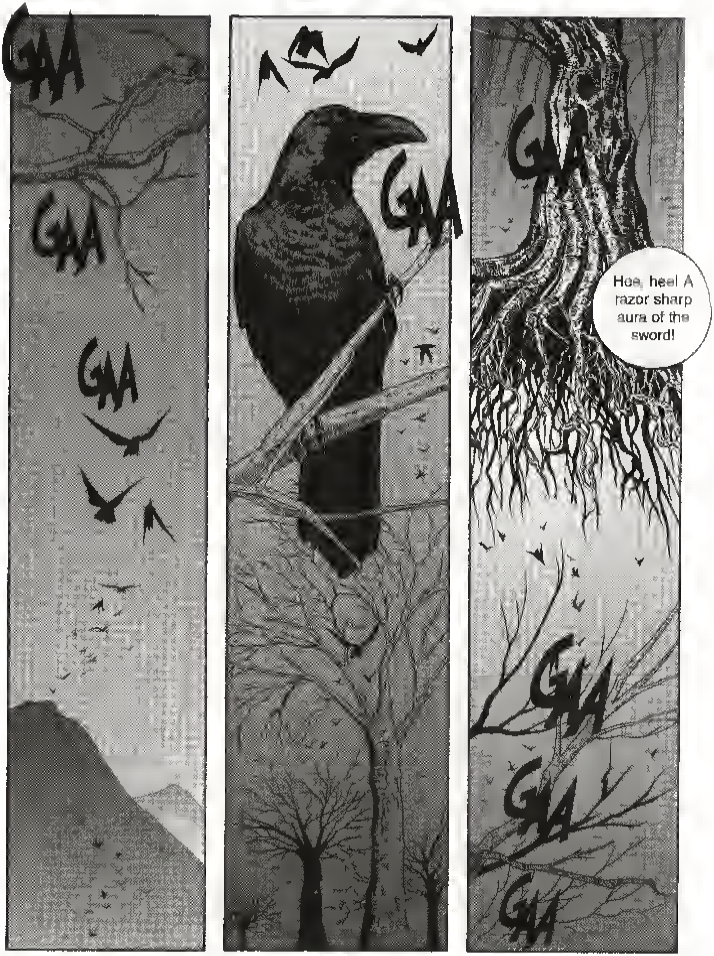
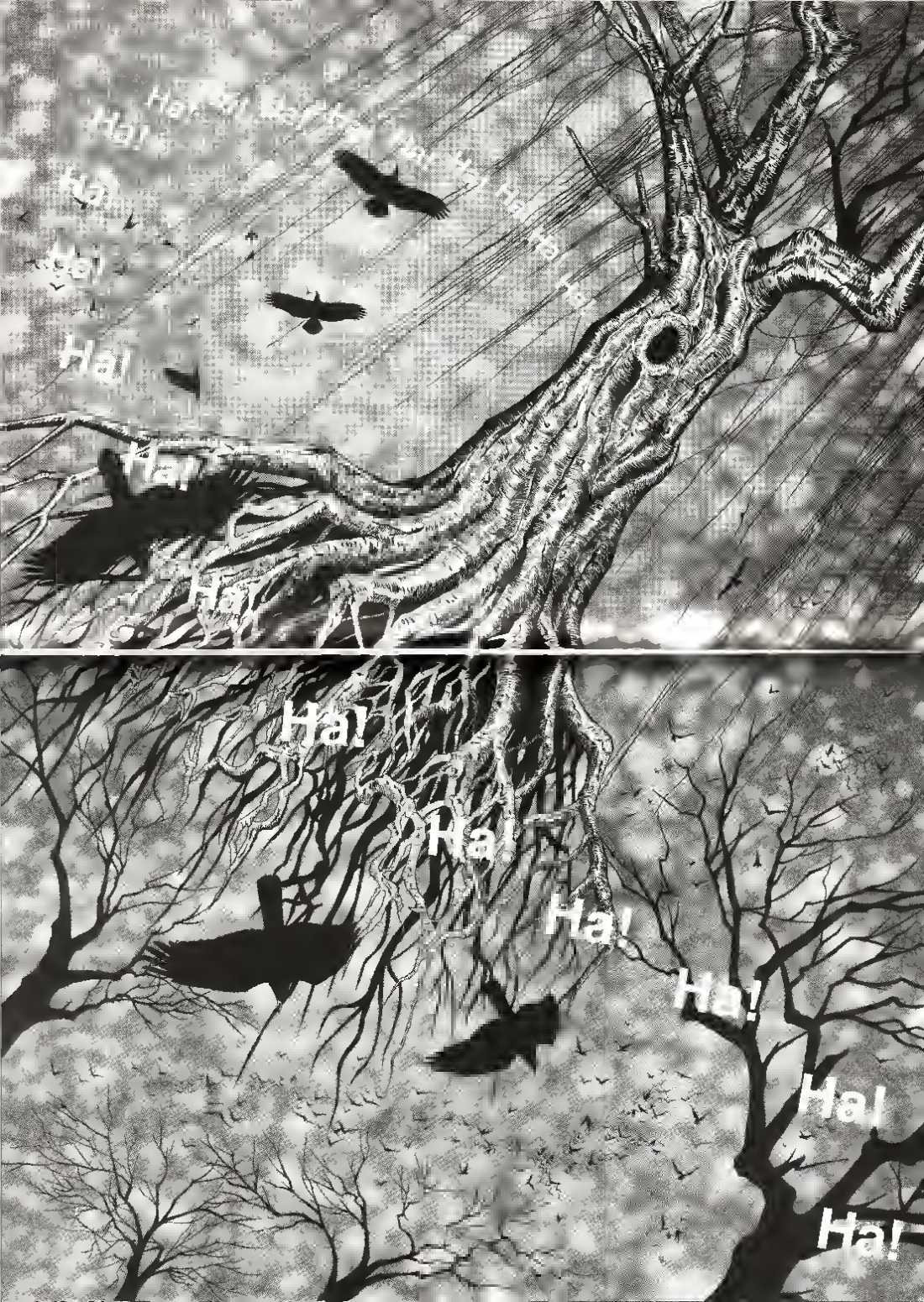

Wow! Such destruction!
Grrr!
It comes from the left side of the foothills!

Elder, let's find out who she is
He he! It's the right time to liven this quiet place up!
Elder, I guess even the person at the back of the hall can't take this pressure?
Ha ha! That makes it even more interesting!


GAA
GAA
GAA
GAA
GAA
GAA
GAA
Hee, heel A razor sharp aura of the sword!

The person who wields such destructive power
is the Destroyer of Evil — Chi Xue!
We're meeting her at last! Hee, hee!

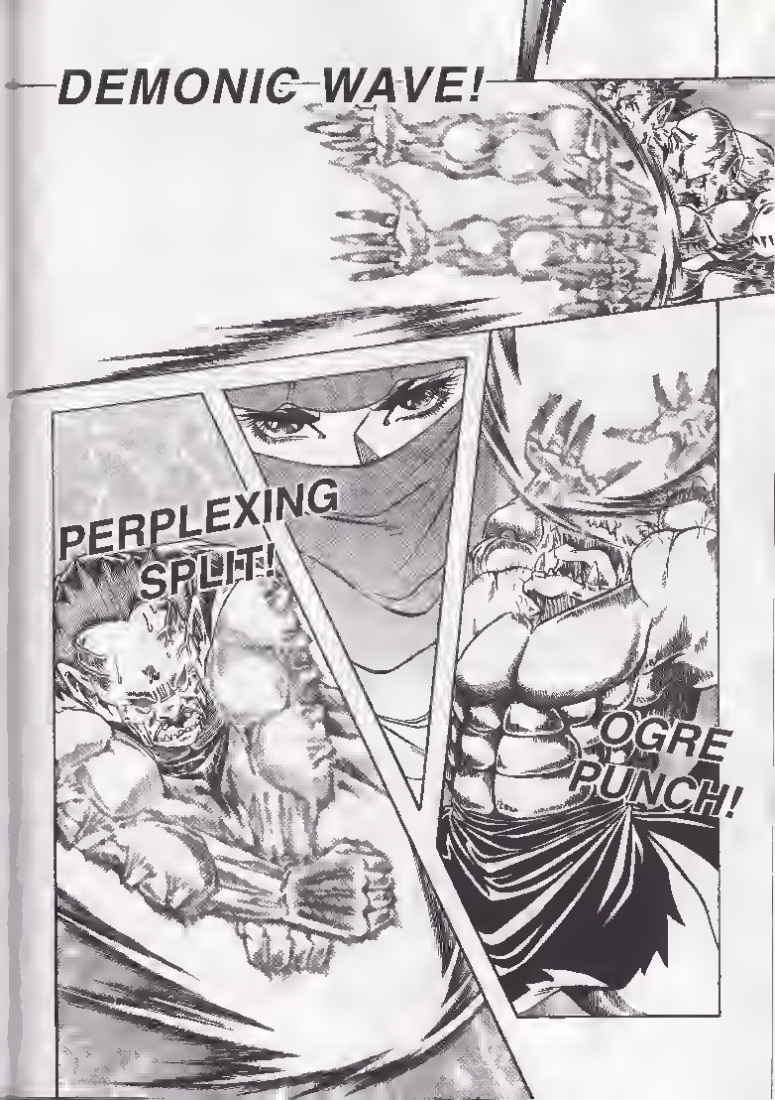

Ha!
Ha!
Ha!
Ha!
Ha!
Ha!
Ha!
Ha!
Ha!
Ha!
Ha!
Ha!
Ha!

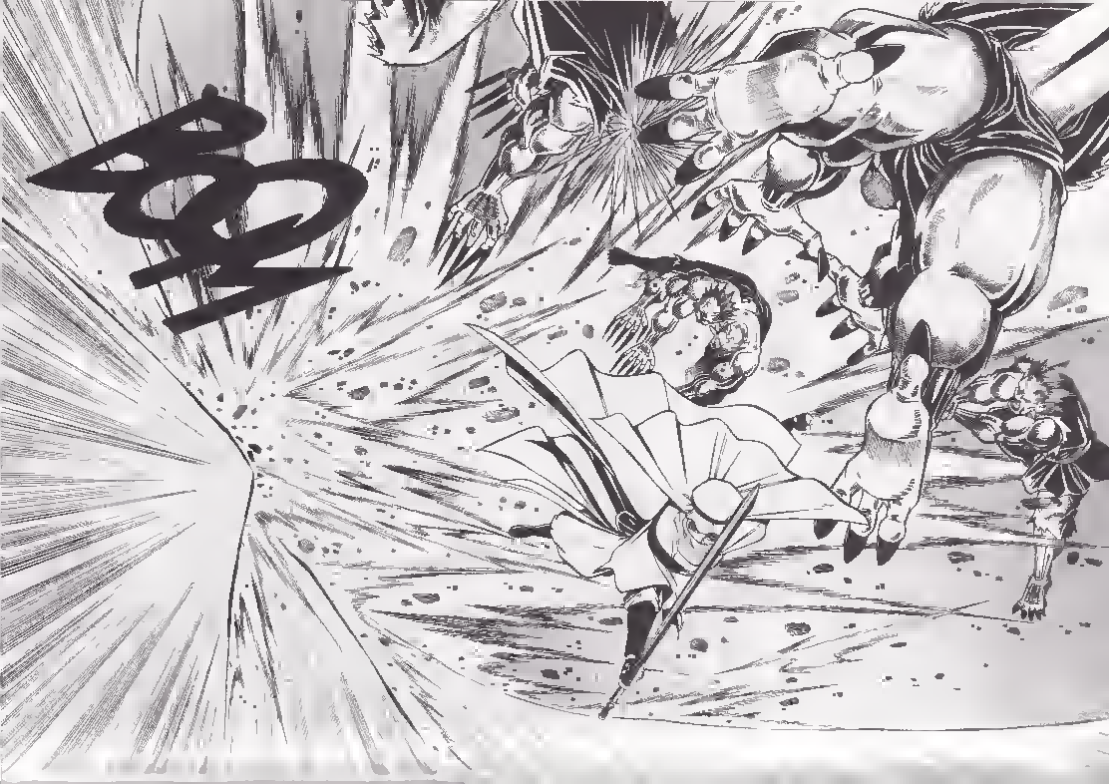
Yucks!
The nauseating
smell of blood!
Xing Ling
prepare
yourself for a
gruesome
sight
What?
!!!

Retch!
Xing Ling if you can t take it, go back to the village and wait for us

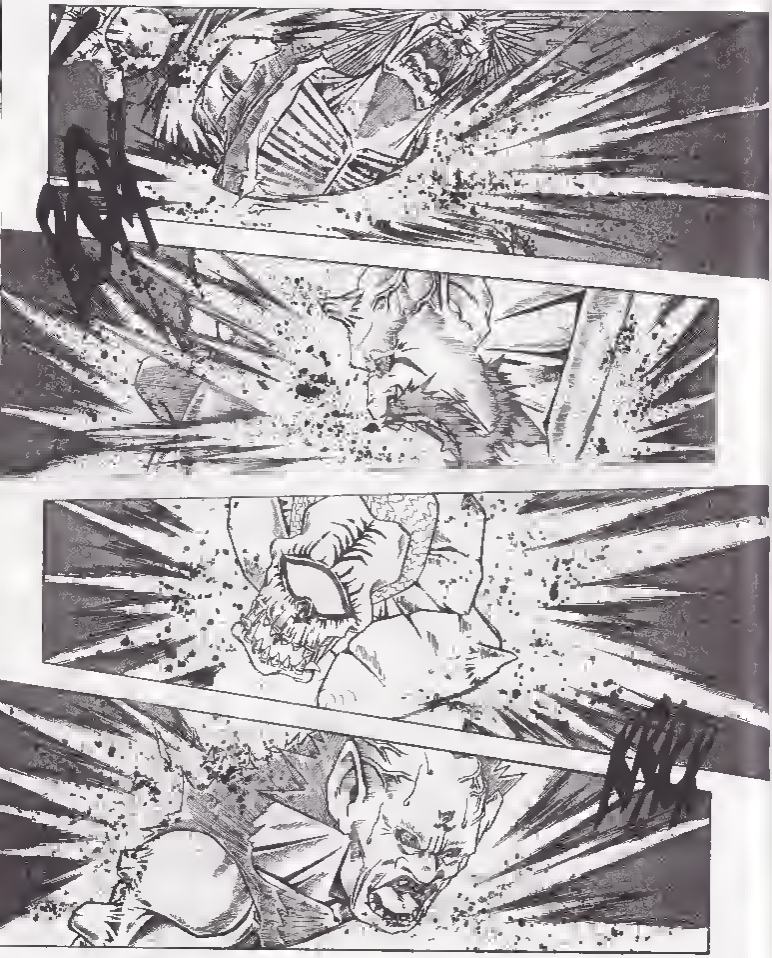
Pant... only the few of us are left...
Pant... fight or we'll die...
Pant... Pant...

Right... pant... surely the long fight has undermined her strength a little?
Ha... Pant... Right... Let's join forces and...
Attack!


DEMONIC WAVE!
PERPLEXING SPLIT!
OGRE PUNCH!



SHA
Destroyer
of
Evil



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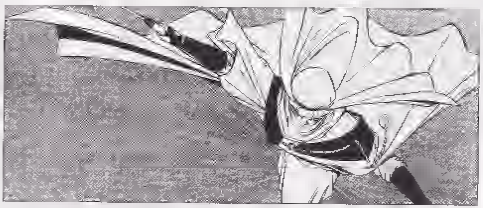
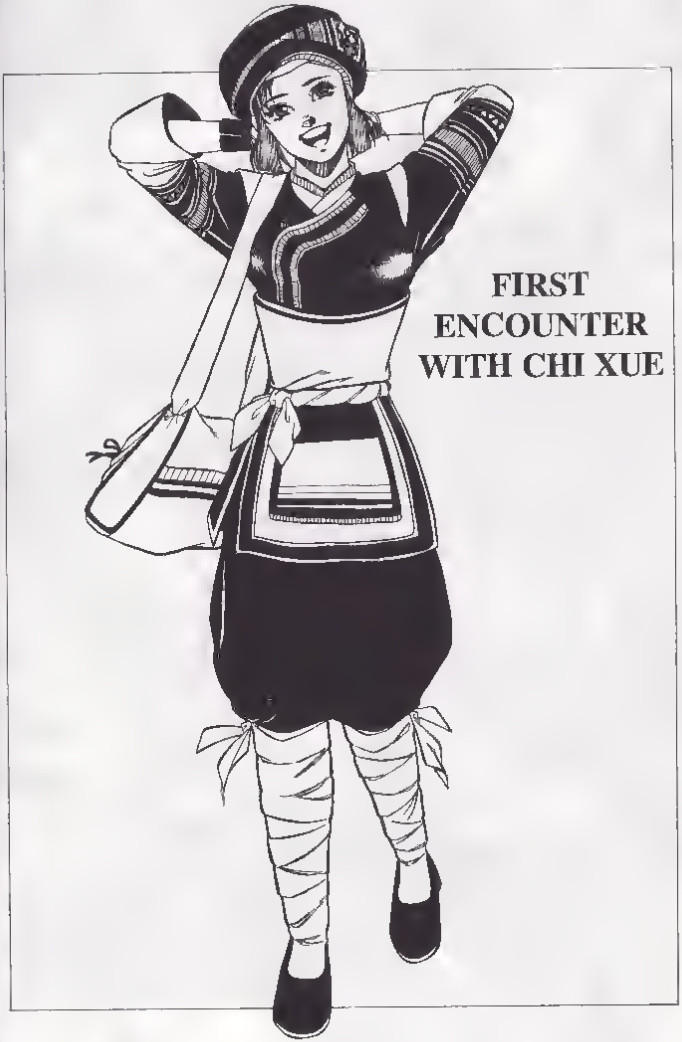
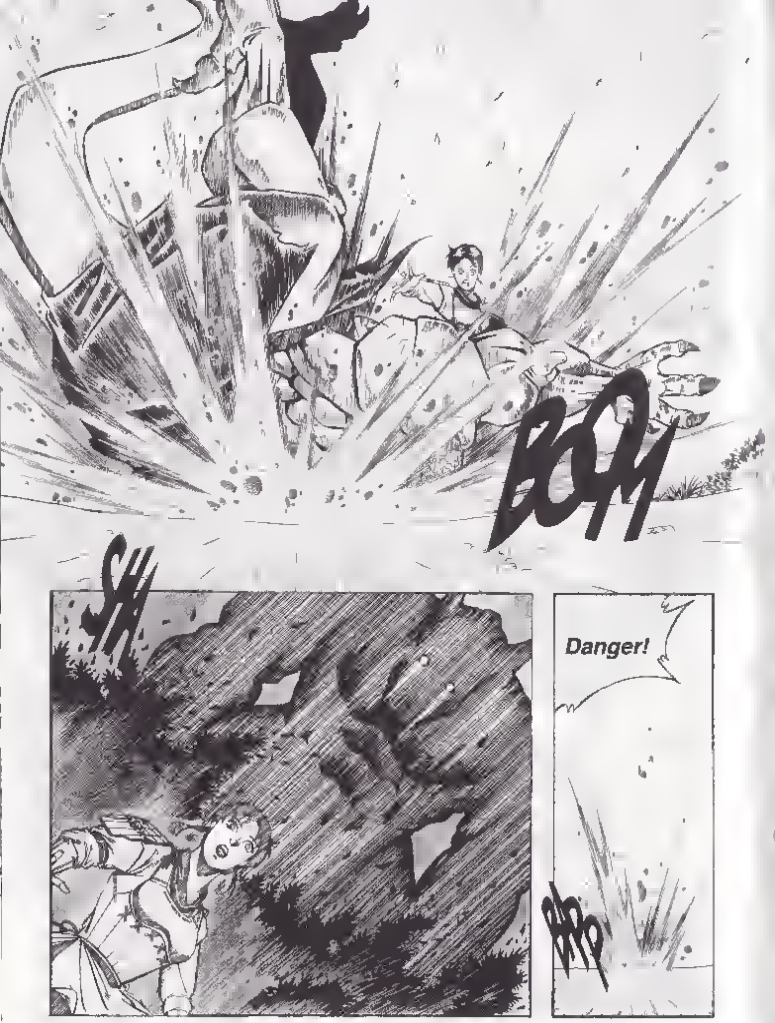



FIRST
ENCOUNTER
WITH CHI XUE

That's... very impressive!
Excuse me are you the legendary Destroyer of Evil?
ARGH


BOOM
SK
Danger!
RRP

BOOM

He won't hurt you.
Such a young voice she should be about my age
WOW! Bigger than those one-eyed Yimus!

Grrr!
Wait a moment!

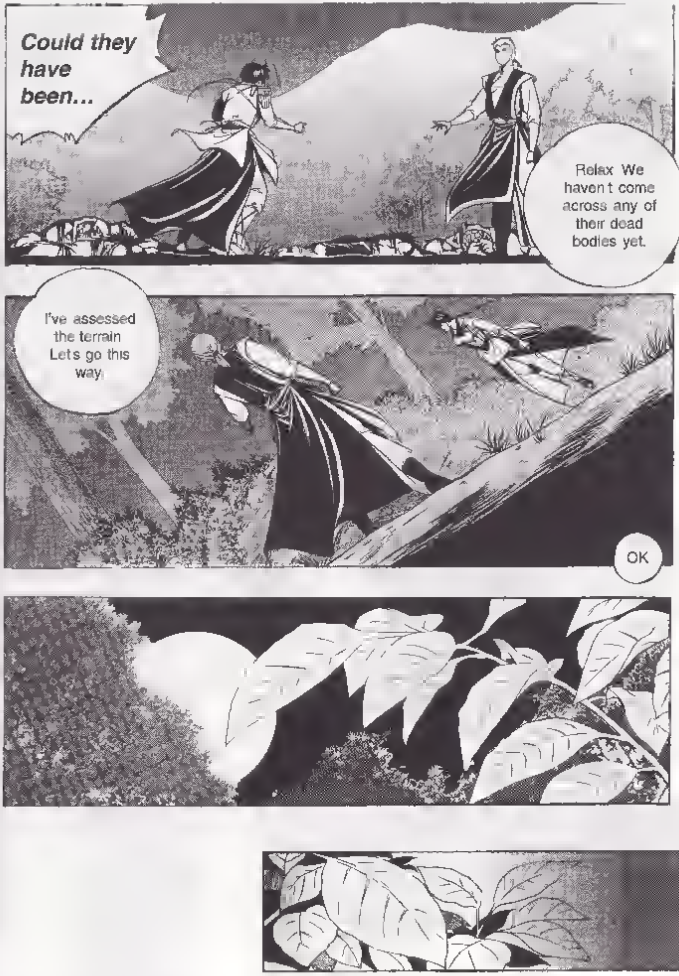
Hello! I've heerd much about you from my friends...
Wang Chan has been saying thet without your presence to stop the spread of evil in recent years...
the evil powers would have gone rampant...
and the commoners will suffer even more!
You're saving the world. That's why I've yearned to meet you.

I'm surprised you're so young. Can we be friends?
My name is Xing Ling
Hey, you're indeed cool and stuck up!
But just seeing you destroy low-ranking demons
won't convince us of your legendary prowess

I, Xue Wu from Mt Dream-Cloud, look forward to witnessing your much acclaimed strength!
I hope you won't let me down
SHUK

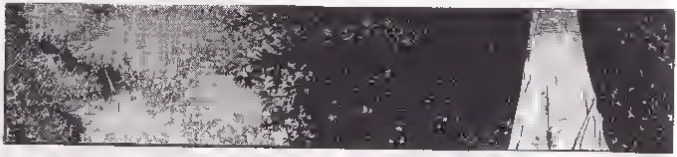
So cool!
Hey...
Hmm? Xue Wu you don't seem to like her
I don't think well of her, that's all.
Perhaps her skills—
— have been exaggerated— I'm not convinced—
But you saw how she destroyed the demons single-handedly!
I used to be curious about her

... but now that I know she's a girl about my age... I'm nowhere compared to her!
Ha! I'm beginning to idolise her!
Well she only destroyed low-ranking demons
With a spirit sword we could do likewise too
Sigh you're all so powerful... Say what do you think happened to the children?


Could they have been...
Relax. We haven't come across any of their dead bodies yet.
I've assessed the terrain. Let's go this way.
OK

Pant...
Frustrat ing pant
He is all I have left... Pant...

Despite my injury I can still easily control him with my Mind-Manipulation!
But I must first treat my injury before I can escape from the Destroyer's pursuit!
Hey, cutie, you're the lucky one.



Chan!
Listen!

This way!

Wail...!
Sob...!
Wail...!
Sob...!

Let the child go!
Wait!
Bump!

Ouch!
Who hit me with a stone?
Good thing I haven't used my special powers yet as I didn't sense the presence of evil.
It's a misunder-standing...

I'm sorry Are you OK? I thought you were bullying the children...
Nonsense!
I heard them cry and traced them here.
How are they?
They should be fine now But when I first arrived they had lost consciousness
While treating them, I found them under the influence of a strong mental force...
Mental force? What makes you think so?
Hey!
I practise medicine...
Right, right...
though I'm still learning...

This force is capable of controlling the victim's movements
I've heard about that It s also called hypnosis Then these children
Somehow the controller seems to have lost his power The children are OK now
But they've yet to recover their memory They must have e headache and feel weak That s why they keep crying
If you could say so much at one go you should be fine too Ha!
What! You think I'll let you off?
Why were you so violent!
Sorry, sorry
Ha ha!

Hey? There should be more children. And Qiangqiang is missing too
Look! Blood stains!
Wei Qi you stay to protect them I'll search again
What ?!
By the way, who are you?

Look! Found them!
But why are they unconscious?
Relax... I'm glad we've found them though some are missing.

It's me!
Ah! Chen, look!
Hmm, one, two, three— nine!
Wo! Qi and I found 15 children in the woods.
Fifteen plus nine— Wow! Twenty-four!
That's about it.

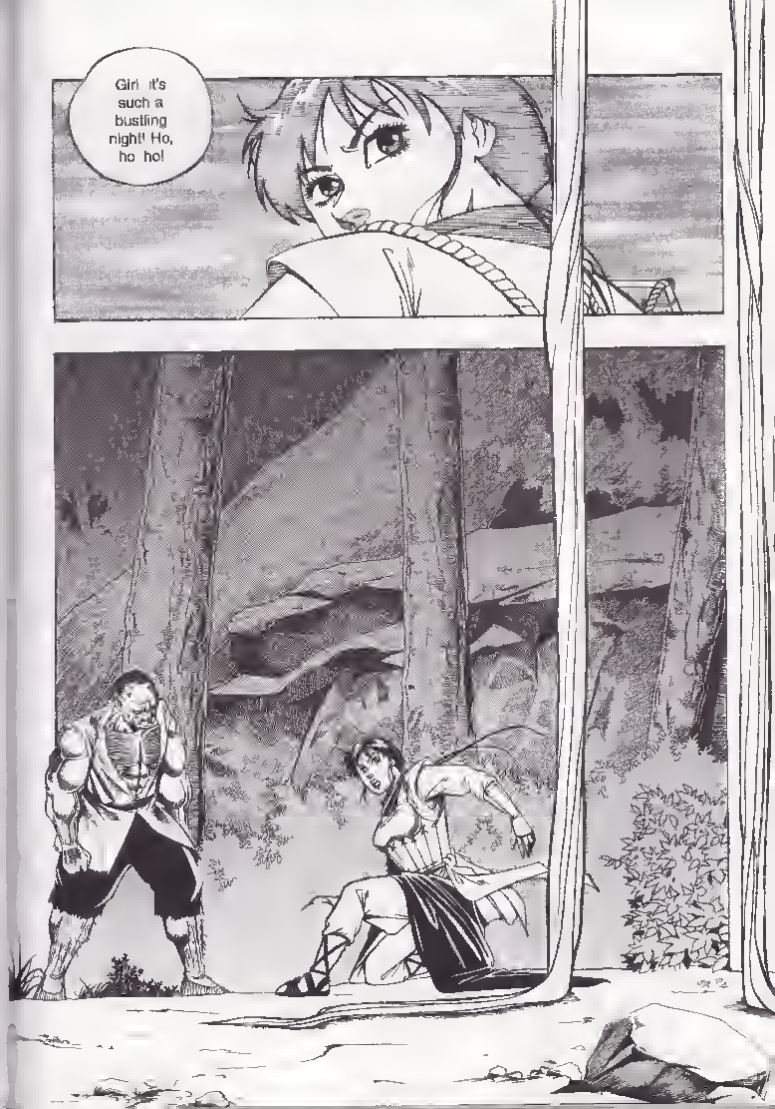
There's one less! A child and his mother came this afternoon
I remember he had two ponytails here!
Right. I'll see whether I can find more children
Chan, I'll go with you
Xing Ling, please take care of the children here We'll go meet Wei Qi after we return
No problem. Take care!

We came too late...
Grrr!

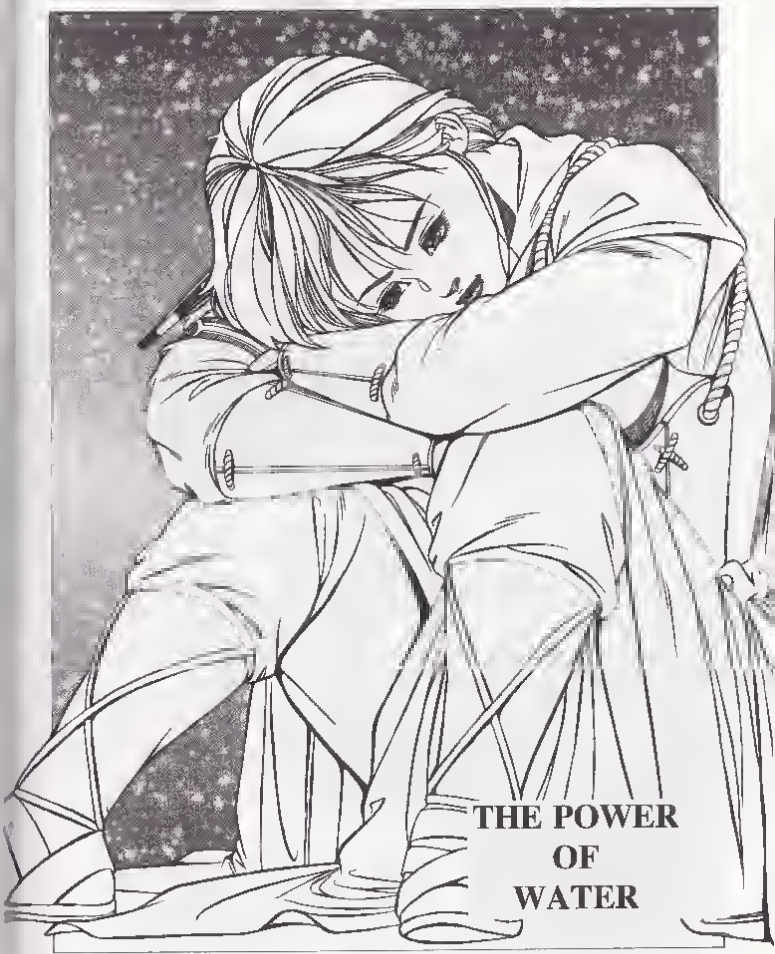
The north-west!

Hmm It's so quiet here
Huh ?

Oh no!
Grrr!
Hi—
Ho, ho, ho!


Girl it's such a bustling night! Ho, ho ho!

Quickening


THE POWER
OF
WATER

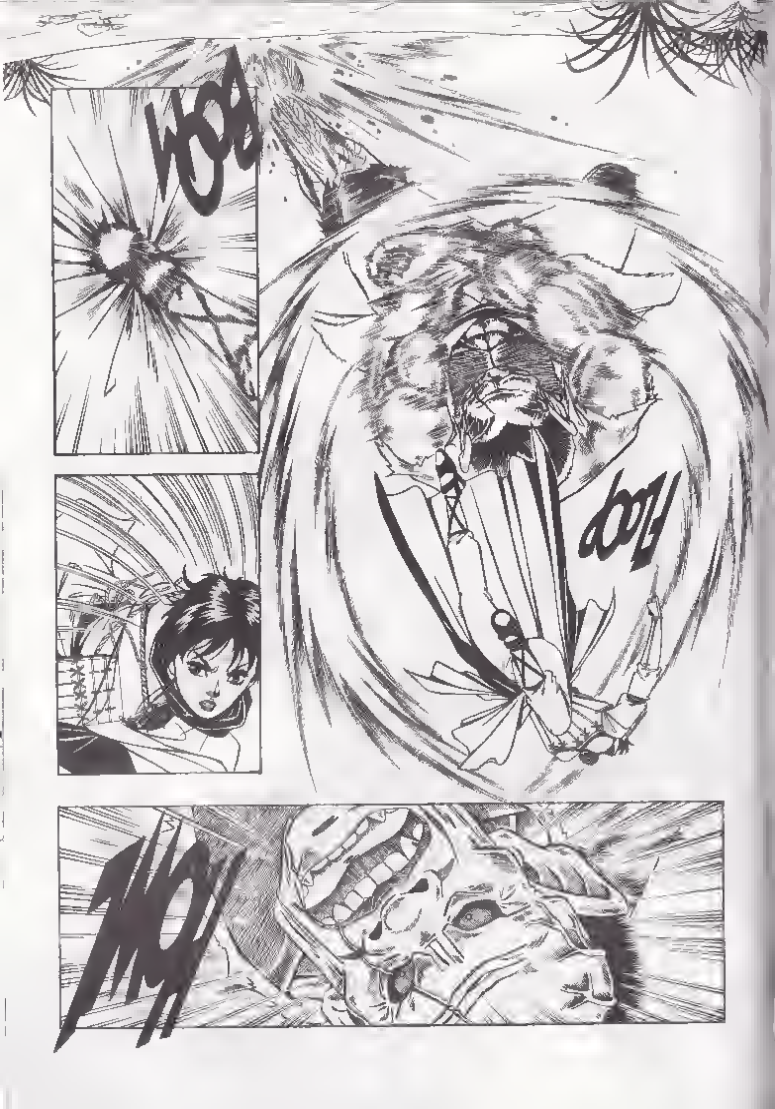
Girl, it's such a bustling night! Ho ho ho!

Wang Chan told me that ghosts are prominently huge in size
Demons resemble humans but with evil eyes
And if a body floats in the air it must have attained the stage of evil spirit!
Ha! How come I always have such luck?!

Ho, ho, ho! After cooping myself up for 10 years I could find such wonderful prey!
Who are you? What do you want?
Ho, ho! From now on, you and the children are mine! Ho, ho, ho!

Why?
I'll stall them until Wang Chan and the rest come back
Ho ho! Because I, Long Brow, say so!
Dimwit! Clown! Take them with us!
Hee, hee! Dimwit you do it!
What shall I do?

Hee hee... trying to flee?
Interesting!
FLOOP


WOA
FOOF

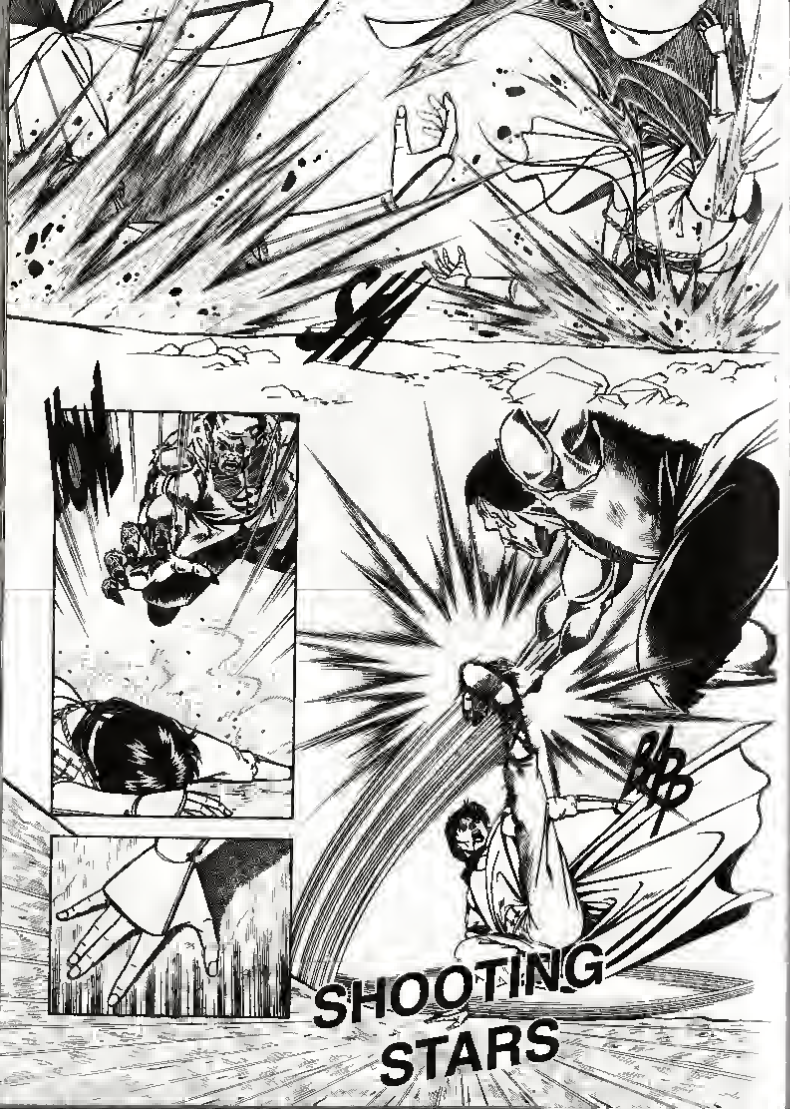
BOOM
Capture the leader first!

SHOOTING STARS!

Ho, ho! Impressive skills! And very brave to come after an old man!
A pity you have no special power...

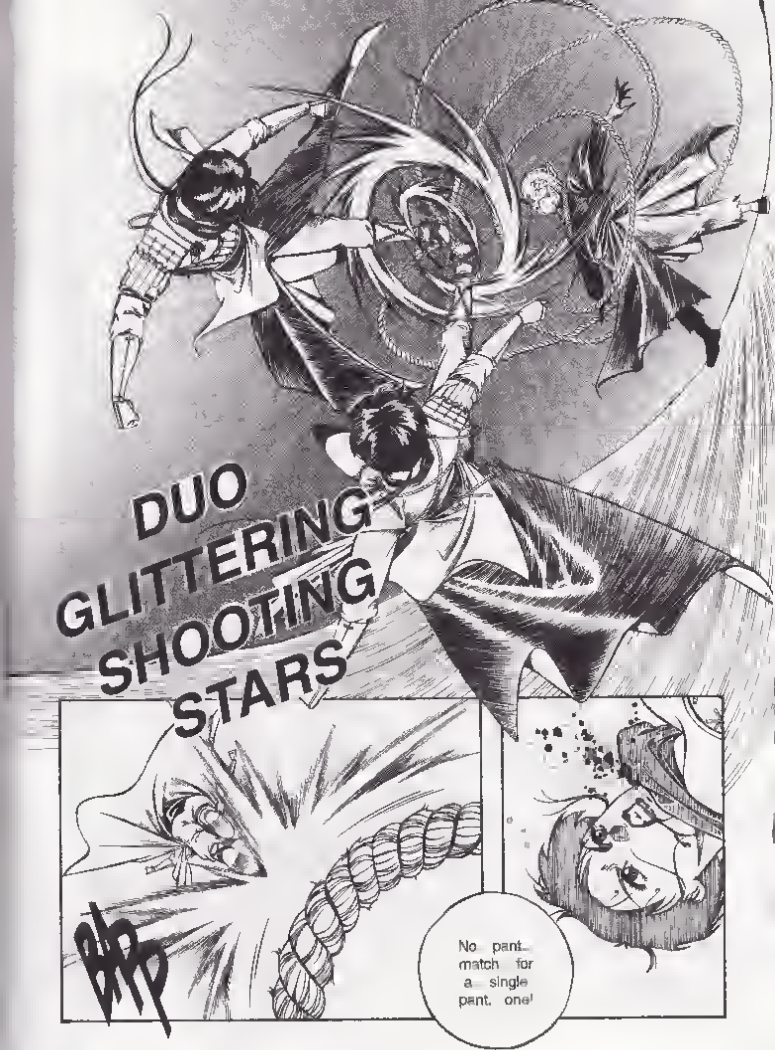
Go!

FLOP
AHHA
Oh dear! You're no match! Hee, hee, hee....


SHOOTING STARS

AFTER THE MOON!

BANG
BB


DUO GLITTERING SHOOTING STARS
BRP
No pant... match for a... single pant, one!

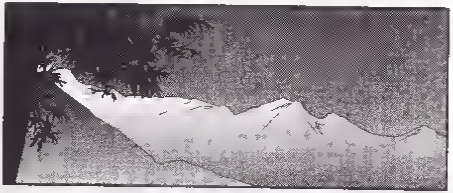
flap

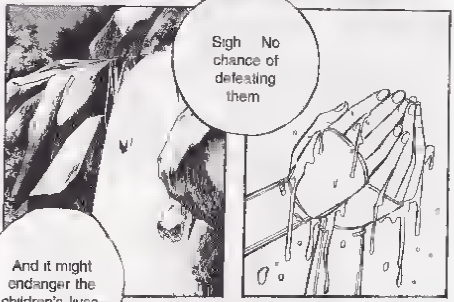
BAP
BAP

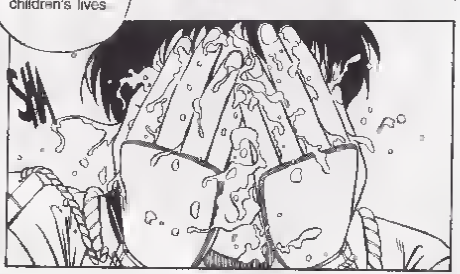
Very interesting! Our little friend here is so agile!

Hee hee! Dimwit! Go catch her!

Forget it.
Run!
Run!





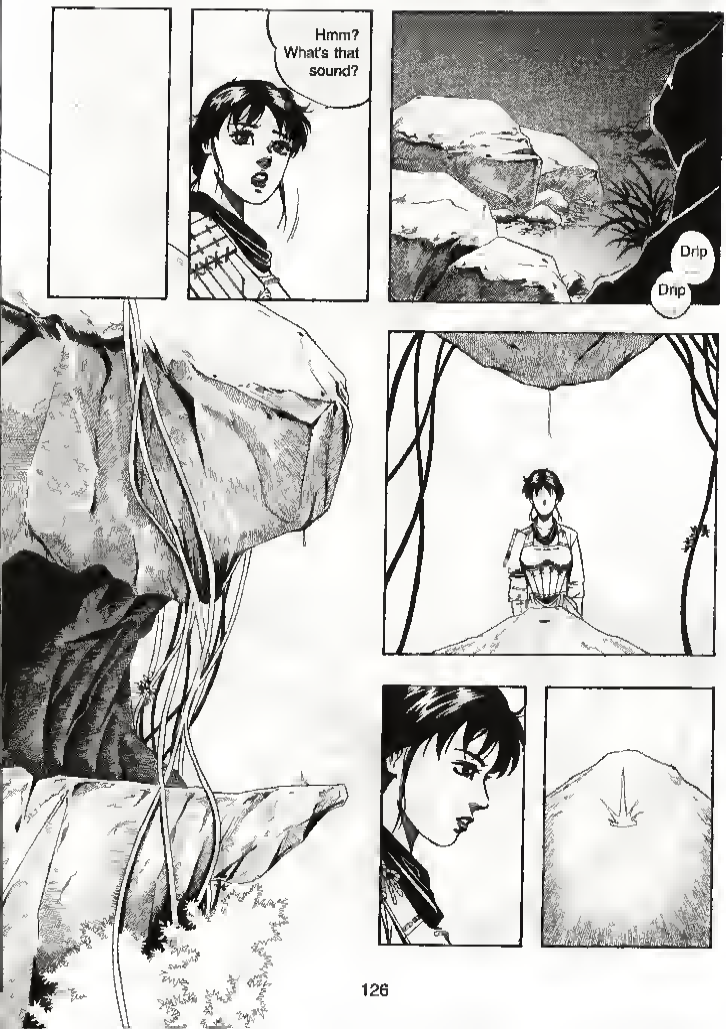


Ha! What an excuse!

Luckily it's easy to hide myself in the woods I've escaped at last
Now I'll wait for Wang Chen and the others –

Sigh... Xing Ling, you're so useless!
Apart from fleeing, you can only depend on others!
Where have your decisiveness and confidence gone?
Didn't you promise Wang Chan you'd take care of the children?
No! No! They're not humans!
I'm so different from celestial beings... I can't help it...

Xing Ling you used to overcome adversities single-handedly...
Why are you waiting for others to solve problems now?
Sigh... perhaps... since I met them they've been making all decisions
Whenever something happens, I'd think of seeking their help...
Sigh... what to do? I'm so useless...


Hmm?
What's that
sound?
Drip
Drip

Look Xing Ling, the stones in this stream have been smoothened by the running water...
Nothing is weaker than water, yet it's capable of overcoming the toughest solids

Xing Ling, big trees collapse under the might of the whirlwind...
Grass which is pliable, sways with the wind
That shows strength may not be superior to vulnerability
Strength may overcome fragility and vice versa.
Strength does not hinge on size but on how the user manipulates it...

Hmm... the weakest on earth can defeat the strongest...
Strength without form can penetrate a seamless object...
I've got it!
Weak as water is, it can seep through rocks! It shows how suppleness can overcome strength

Any supple strength that picks up speed over a distance can be transformed into a mighty force!
This is the crux of my Shooting Stars. I know it already
But thinking further
If I can concentrate all my strength at one single point
When this concentrated power is unleashed...

This strength will be like the water droplets that penetrate a hard rock!
Is this the principle of erosion? *The weak can overcome the strong?*
Sigh... Wang Chan has been giving me hints. But I never got it.
Did he want me to discover it myself?
Only then would I fully understand and master this principle

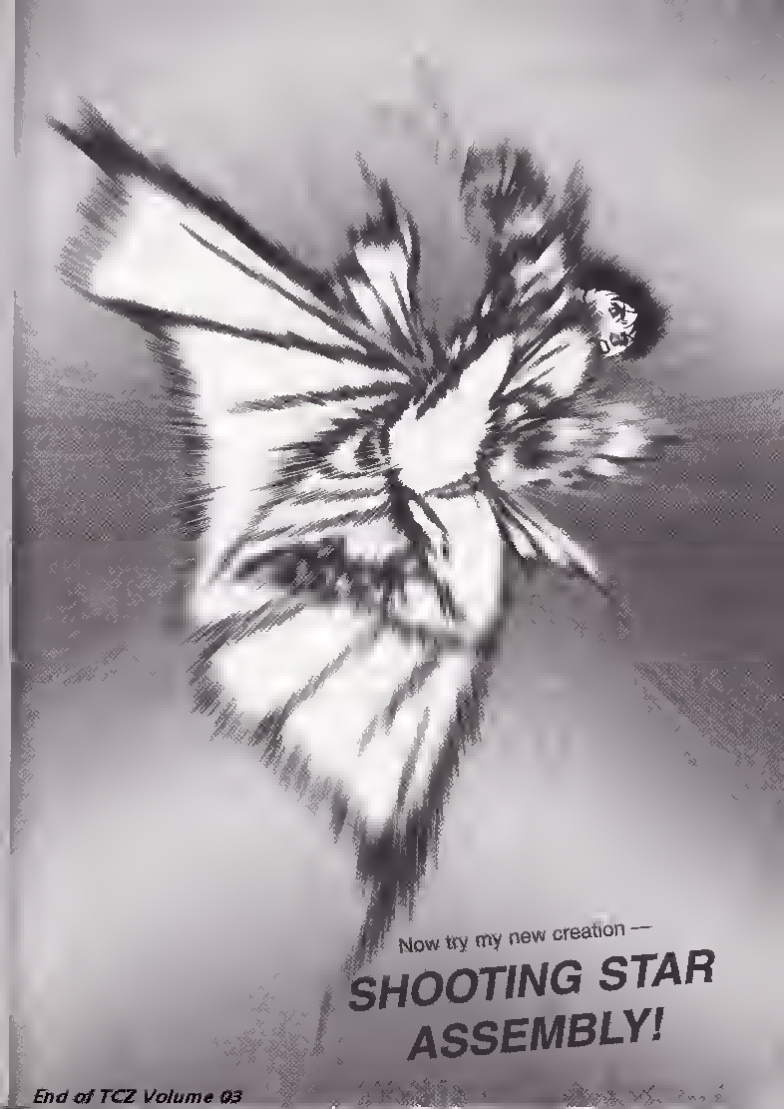
Dimwit! Why are you in a huff? Because you couldn t find me?

Ha! It's hard for you to find me, but easy for me to find you!
You're all alone. If I let slip this chance to attack you one to one...
... I'll be letting the children down.
BOW
BOW
BBP
BBP

AHHHH
SH
Your speed and reaction are fast enough!
Now, let's test how solid your body is!
SMOSH
FLOP

SHOOTING
STAR
EXPLOSION!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

HOWL
HOOP
Pant!!
Pant!!
Grrr!
Hey!!
SHUK



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WEIQI: An Ancient Game from China

Weiqi appeared 2,000 years ago. It is also believed that weiqi was invented long, long ago by either Yao or Shun, sage kings from the distant past. Not only do Chinese love this game, there are loyal fans from all over the world. It was introduced to Japan during the Sui and Tang Dynasties. It spread to Europe in the 19th century. By 1980s, numerous countries in Asia, Europe and America have held weiqi championships. Currently, China, Japan and Korea often have weiqi competitions or exchange programmes. As such, weiqi is not merely a game, but also a bridge linking various nations and cultures together.

Also known as "yi", weiqi is about expanding one's territory. Usually, two players are pitted against each other, but there have been records of four, and even 10, players in a game.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- A chess board — It has a grid of 19 horizontal and 19 vertical lines (see fig 1). That makes a total of 361 intersection points known as "qi" (air). There are chess boards with 13 or 9 lines for novices.
- Pawns (or stones) — black and white ones.

Fig 1

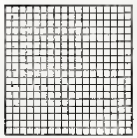

Fig 2

Fig 3

HOW TO PLAY:

- The party using black pawns will go first. Both will take turns to place their pawns on the intersection points (see fig 2).
- A pawn surrounded by enemy pawns on surrounding intersection points is considered to have been "starved of air" or "eaten up" and will be removed (see fig 3).
- A game will end when two opposing groups of pawns are in absolute contact.
- The party who has surrounded as much vacant space as possible is the winner.

Weiqi is easy to pick up but difficult to perfect. There are many possible combinations of moves like pick, leap, hit, hang, point and retreat, etc. There are usually three stages — "buju" (opening), "zhongpan" (main part), and "shouguan" (end part of game), each with its critical moves.

FAST FACTS:

- During the Tang Dynasty, there were court officials known as "daizhao" who specialised in playing weiqi with the Emperor, courtiers or important foreign guests.
- Ancients referred to weiqi as "hand chat", meaning to hold dialogues with one's hands.
- The game emphasises style and ethics, and values a calm, gentlemanly style.
- A game of weiqi is akin to maneging an army. Careful consideration and adeptability are crucial. As such, weiqi is good at stimulating our intellect. Students who play weiqi tend to outshine those who do not.

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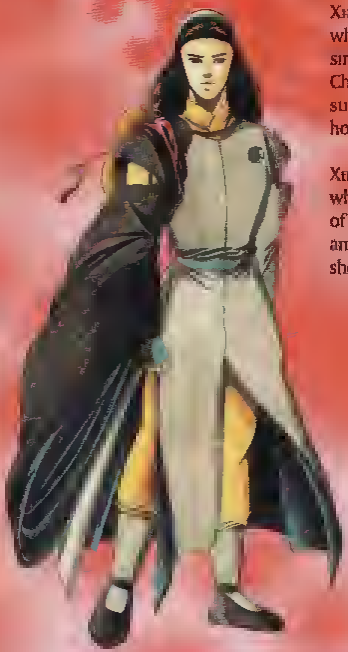

Xing Ling finally caught sight of Chi Xue when the latter took out several demons single-handedly. Xing Ling stood in awe of Chi Xue, who, though similar in age, had far surpassed her in skills. Xue Wu was, however, unimpressed...

Xing Ling was left to guard some children while Wang Chan and Xue Wu went in search of the rest. The hapless lass was once again ambushed by ghosts and demons. How would she handle these creatures all by herself. ?

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